[*Translation*]

Transfer of Loss Making Public Sector Undertakings to Private Sector

2050. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to transfer the Public Sector Undertakings running in losses to the Private Sector;

(b) if so, the names of the undertakings being transferred to the Private Sector;

(c) whether it is also a fact that certain products reserved for the public sector have been allowed to be manufactured in the private sector as well; and

(d) if so, the areas of such operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The statement on Industrial Policy of 24th July, 1991 has already indicated the reduction of reserved list of industries for public sector from 17 to 8. Manufacture of products where strategic considerations predominate shall be with the public sector. For other industries competition will be induced by inviting private sector participation.

[*English*]

Closure of Bengal Unit of KRIBHCO

2051. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision to close down the Bengal Unit of the Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) has evoked sharp criticism from the employees attached to it;

(b) if so, the reasons for its closure; and

(c) the number and fate of the employees working therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a). No, Sir.

(b) With a view to rationalising the transportation of fertilizers and ensuring minimum outgo of freight subsidy, no allocation for supply of Urea to West Bengal was given to Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) during Kharif 1991 and Rabi 1991-92. In view of no marketing activity in the State, KRIBHCO closed their Marketing Office at Calcutta.

(c) The employees numbering six will be accommodated in other marketing units.

Allotment of Foodgrains to Different States

2052. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a wide-gap between the allotment of foodgrains to different States by the Union Government and the lifting of those articles by the State Governments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bridge the gap and the ensure the availability of food articles to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). During the last three years, viz., 1888-89 to 1990-91, the lifting of foodgrains (rice and wheat from the Central

Pool for Public Distribution System by the various States/Union Territories has varied between 78% to 89%. During the current year, upto October, 1991, based on provisional figures of lifting, it come to 84%. Such a gap between allotments and lifting cannot be termed as wide. The lifting against monthly allocations is dependent on various factors, such as local production, price differential between the prices at the Fair Price Shops and the open market, consumers' preference for specific variety or quality of grains, period of the year etc.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Industrial Growth Centre in Sonepat, Haryana

2053. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an Industrial Growth Centre in the industrially backward district of Sonepat in Haryana; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Allotment of Flats to Registrants of 1979 Scheme

2054. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether previously DDA flats had been allotted on monthly hire-purchase basis; if so, when that policy was changed and the reasons thereof;

(b) whether the allotment of flats under New Pattern Scheme, 1979 has been delayed;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the number of times the policies regarding allotment of flats, their sale etc. were changed by the DDA and the reasons for doing so and how did the same affect the registrants of 1979 scheme and the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken to ensure early allotment of flats to registrants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Under the New Pattern Scheme, 1979 all flats under Janta category are allotted on hire purchase basis, 75% of LIG flats are allotted on hire purchase basis and 25% on cash down basis 50% of MIG flats are allotted on hire purchase basis and 40% on cash down basis.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Due to non availability of land and basic infrastructural facilities.

(d) The provisions contained in the 1979, New Pattern scheme brochure have not been flotted/changed to the disadvantage of the registrants.

DDA has formulated concrete plans to allot flats to the remaining registrants of the scheme during the 8th plan period subject to availability of land and infrastructural services.

Encouragement to Small Scale Industrial Units

2055. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: